

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 166

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A RESOLUTION to designate 2011 as "Tennessee Celebrates Chemistry – Our Life, Our Future Year" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, the United Nations General Assembly has declared the year 2011 as "International Year of Chemistry" to coincide with the 100th anniversary of the Nobel Prize in Chemistry awarded to Madame Marie Curie; and

WHEREAS, the theme of the International Year of Chemistry is "Chemistry - Our Life, Our Future"; and

WHEREAS, the laudable goals of International Year of Chemistry 2011 are:

- to improve public understanding and appreciation of chemistry and chemical engineering and their roles in contributing to solutions to global challenges;
- to enhance international cooperation by serving as a focal point or information source for activities by national chemical science and engineering societies, educational institutions, industry, governmental and non-governmental organizations; and
- to inspire students to study the "science of matter" to help address global public health, energy, environmental and other technological issues; and

WHEREAS, the men and women engaged in all aspects of chemistry and chemical engineering in Tennessee make essential contributions to our state's health, agriculture, economy, and environmental well-being; and

WHEREAS, innovations in chemistry and chemical engineering have made and will continue to make crucial contributions to a sustainable future by addressing challenges to society such as water treatment, renewable energy sources, energy efficiency and

conservation, recycling, medicine and medical devices, communications, information technology, and more; and

WHEREAS, we wish to encourage our young people to study chemistry and chemical engineering and join those who put chemistry to work for society; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby designate 2011 as "Tennessee Celebrates Chemistry – Our Life, Our Future Year" in Tennessee in recognition of the crucial contributions made by the hundreds of thousands of men and women who study and teach chemistry, chemical engineering, biochemistry, and other chemical disciplines, and commend all those who produce, transport, and utilize the chemicals upon which all Americans depend.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.